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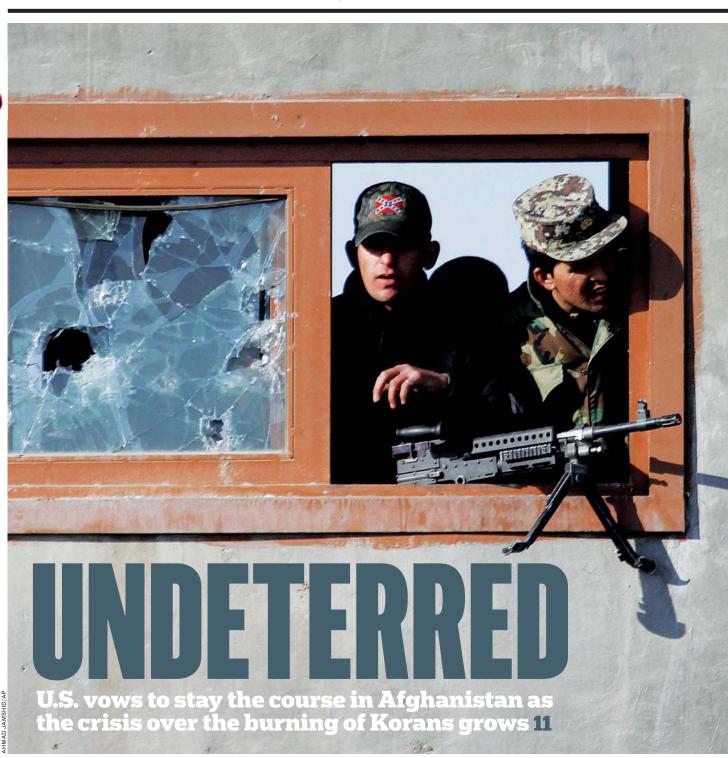
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WHY IS THIS FUN?

'Let's Assemble Something Big, Then Disassemble It'

A group of students are believed to be the culprits behind a mysterious hot tub that was installed — and then removed — from the roof of a building on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. The hot tub first was noticed Saturday, had visitors and was gone by Monday night. Students called the hot tub the Bob and Betty Beyster Bubbler after the couple who donated \$15 million to the school. The building is named for them. (AP)

FOOD THIEVES

We Suggest Poison Cupcakes

A sting operation by a Deer Park, Texas, police department netted one of their own when surveillance cameras caught an officer repeatedly stealing colleagues' food and drinks from the refrigerator in the break room. Officer Kevin Yang was charged with misdemeanor theft and suspended for 30 days without pay. Yang said he was keeping the shared refrigerator clean. (AP)

MISLABELED CONTAINERS

"But My Cobra's Name IS 'Leftover Pad Thai 8/1/11'!"

A North Carolina man is losing his exotic reptile collection worth \$49,000 after police found dozens of venomous lizards and snakes in his home. Walter Kidd pleaded guilty Friday to 30 misdemeanor charges of possessing endangered animals and failing to properly label containers of poisonous snakes. (AP)



META, META! Chandra Bahadur Dangi was named the world's shortest living man and the world's shortest person on Sunday by Guinness World Records officials. The 72-year-old Nepalese man is 21.5 inches tall. "I am very happy. Now I want to travel across Nepal and to foreign countries," Dangi told reporters. (AP)

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Arizona and Michigan voters head to the polls Tuesday for their Republican presidential primaries. Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul are all on both ballots.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin served as president from 2000 to 2008 and is looking to return to the Kremlin again. He's running on Sunday for a third term in office.

The U.S. economy will likely be the main topic as President Obama meets Monday with most of America's 50 state governors. Many of the state leaders are reporting progress.

Romney Capitalizes on Mich. Roots

Days ahead of primary, candidate's network gives him advantage

Muskegon, Mich.

The standing-room-only crowd crammed into a Holiday Inn conference room in Muskegon, Mich., roared with approval as Rick Santorum served up applause lines on why Michigan Republicans should choose him, not native-son Mitt Romney, as the GOP presidential nominee.

Santorum's message, heavy on religious values and contempt for bailouts, was perfect for the audience, but his campaign couldn't fully capitalize on the moment, revealing a shortcoming that Romney hopes will help him win Tuesday's primary despite the surging enthusiasm and favorable poll numbers for his chief opponent.

Santorum's campaign organization is so sparse in Michigan that no one was available to collect the names and email addresses of the people streaming out of the hall after the speech, a practice that's a staple of political organizing and get-out-thevote efforts. By contrast, Romney has a deep and experienced organization working in every corner of the state. Seven of Michigan's nine Republican congressmen have tapped their campaign networks to help Romney



Mitt Romney takes a campaign detour Sunday to visit the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Due to rain, the race was rescheduled for Monday.



Santorum's Evangelical Appeal

Rick Santorum's political good fortune in the GOP presidential primaries has come about in large part because of his appeal to evangelicals. A Roman Catholic, he is a beneficiary of more than two decades of cooperation between Protestants and Catholics who set aside differences for the common cause. Recently, Santorum's support from white evangelical Republicans went from 22 percent last month to 41 percent two weeks ago. (AP)

All Eyes Not on Ariz.

Arizona Republicans go to the polls Tuesday in what could be one of the least-watched races in the presidential primary. With the state long considered an easy win for Mitt Romney and falling on the same day as the more heated contest in Romney's home state of Michigan, the candidates might not have even made appearances in Arizona were it not for the fact that CNN held a debate in Mesa last week. Further helping Romney's chances in the state, Gov. Jan Brewer is reportedly going to endorse him in the primary on Tuesday. (AP)

put out calls, set up events and harvest donors.

"Mitt has a great advantage as far as having boots on the ground," said Jim Thienel, GOP chairman in Oakland County, an affluent area where virtually the entire Republican party apparatus is part of the Romney campaign.

In this contest of organization against momentum, Romney is pushing for the resounding victory that will bolster his position as the GOP front-runner. A strong showing by Santorum in the state where Romney grew up and where Romney's father, George, was governor would underscore that the race is still an open contest. KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN (AP)



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Nation

Settlement Talks Delay BP Case

Trial over the worst U.S. offshore oil spill pushed back 1 week

New Orleans

A judge is pushing back by a week the federal trial over the nation's worst offshore oil spill, saying Sunday that BP PLC was making some progress in settlement talks with a committee overseeing scores of lawsuits, according to people close to the case.

Two people close to the case said on the condition of anonymity the decision was made Sunday during a conference call between parties in the case and U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier.

They said the judge told those on the call that BP and the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee were "making some progress" in their settlement talks. The steering committee is overseeing lawsuits filed by individuals and businesses in the wake of the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig on April 20, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico. The blast killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from the blown-out well, soiling miles of coastline.

However, the judge did not men-

Settlement

Billions at Stake

Financial analysts estimate BP could wind up paying anywhere from \$15 billion to \$30 billion over the lawsuits, and BP's chief executive told a British newspaper that the company has set aside \$40 million to deal with fines and costs. An AP analysis found that the company could conceivably face up to \$52 billion in environmental fines and compensation if the judge determines the company was grossly negligent. (AP)

tion the status of settlement talks between other parties, according to the sources. BP confirmed the trial had been delayed.

Among other things, the trial that is now set to begin March 5 is meant to determine the penalties that need to be paid by BP and other companies involved in the oil spill.

If no settlement is ultimately reached, Barbier will preside over a three-phase trial that could last the better part of a year. The first phase is designed to identify the causes of the deadly blowout and to assign percentages of fault to the companies involved. Harry R. Weber (AP)

By the Numbers

Cancer's Rising Cost

In a study of 250 cancer patients across the U.S., out-of-pocket costs for doctor visits, medicine, lost wages and travel appointments cost \$712 a month. Below, how some patients coped with the costs:

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Weekend Review



Moscow

Russians Rally Against Putin as Election Nears

Foes of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin formed a nearly continuous human chain stretching 10 miles around the center of Moscow on Sunday. The protest came just a week before the country's presidential election, which Putin is virtually certain to win. (AP)

2 ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Urges Taliban To Engage in Peace Talks

Pakistan publicly called on the Taliban for the first time Friday to engage the Afghan government in U.S.-backed talks, which, given Islamabad's alleged ties to the group, is a potentially significant move that could help pave the way for a peace settlement. (AP)

VIFNNA

U.N.: Iran Has Stepped Up Push to Enrich Uranium

Iran has rapidly ramped up production of higher-grade enriched uranium over the last few months, the U.N. nuclear agency said Friday, in a confidential report that feeds concerns about how soon Tehran could create an atomic bomb. Iran insists its activities are peaceful. (AP)



4 Clashes Roil West Bank

Masked Palestinian protesters run to escape tear gas thrown Saturday by Israeli riot police during scuffles in Al-Ram, West Bank, near Jerusalem. The skirmishes broke out after a funeral for a 23-year-old who Palestinians say was fatally shot by Israeli police.



⁶ "It is just despicable, and I ask whose side are they on? They are clearly not on the side of the Syrian people."

— SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, ON FRIDAY, BLASTING RUSSIA AND CHINA FOR OPPOSING U.N. ACTION ON SYRIA, AS MORE THAN 60 NATIONS GATHERED AT THE "FRIENDS OF SYRIA" CONFERENCE IN TUNIS, TUNISIA, TO PLAN A PEACEKEEPING MISSION FOR WHEN THE SYRIAN CRACKDOWN ENDS.

6 KANEOHE BAY, HAWAII

Tribunal Finds Marine Not Guilty in Hazing Case

A military jury on Friday found a Marine not guilty of hazing a fellow Marine who killed himself in Afghanistan, the second to be acquitted of charges in the case. Lance Cpl. Carlos Orozco III was accused of putting sand in Lance Cpl. Harry Lew's face and making him do push-ups before Lew shot himself April 3. (AP)

MILAN

Court Frees Berlusconi Of Corruption Charges

Silvio Berlusconi's corruption trial ended Saturday with a court ruling that the statute of limitations had run out, handing him another victory in judicial challenges. Berlusconi, who stepped down as premier in November as the debt crisis flared, was accused of paying a lawyer to lie during two 1990s trials. (AP)

8 LONDON

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The price that a letter written aboard the Titanic is expected to fetch at auction this week.

Descendants of the author, who died when the ship sank in 1912, are hoping to see the letter returned to Belfast, where the vessel was built. (AP)

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World

In Brief

SECUL SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea Warns South **Against Aggression**

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un threatened to launch a powerful retaliatory strike against South Korea if provoked, state media said Sunday, a day before the start of annual South Korean-U.S. military drills that Pyongyang calls an invasion rehearsal. South Korean and U.S. officials have said the 12-day war games are defensive in nature. (AP)

BAGHDAD

U.S. Army IDs Remains Of Last MIA Troop in Iraq

The remains of the last U.S. service member who was unaccounted for in Iraq have been identified, the U.S military said Sunday. Staff Sgt. Ahmed al-Taie, a 41-year-old Army interpreter, had sneaked off base to visit his Iraqi wife in Baghdad when gunmen seized him Oct. 23, 2006. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Azerbaijan, Israel Agree To \$1.6B in Arms Deals

Israeli defense officials on Sunday confirmed \$1.6 billion in deals to sell drones and defense systems to Azerbaijan, bringing sophisticated Israeli technology to the doorstep of archenemy Iran. Israel has been laboring to form alliances in a region that seems to be increasingly hostile to the Jewish state. (AP)

West Decries Syrian Referendum

Vote on constitution a 'farce' as violence deepens, officials say

Damascus, Syria

The U.S. and its allies dismissed the Syrian regime's referendum on a new constitution Sunday as a "farce" meant to justify the bloody crackdown on dissent.

But voters in government strongholds suggested why some Syrians have not joined the uprising against President Bashar Assad: loyalty, distrust of the opposition and fear his fall will ignite a civil war.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called the poll "a cynical ploy." A "farce" was how German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle described it.

While casting his vote at the state broadcasting headquarters, Assad showed no signs of giving in to international demands to end his crackdown. As in the past, he tried to deflect blame, saying Syria was under a "media attack."

The new constitution allows, at



Syrian soldiers in Damascus on Sunday celebrate the country's vote on a new constitution, which President Bashar Assad's regime called a step toward reform.

"If you refuse, however, to prop up the regime ... your countrymen and women will hail you as heroes."

- SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, ON SUNDAY URGING SUP-PORTERS OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD TO TURN AGAINST HIM

least in theory, for competing political parties and limits the president to two seven-year terms. Such change was unthinkable a year ago. Syria has been ruled by the Baath party since it seized power in a coup in 1963, and the Assad family has ruled since taking power in a coup in 1970.

Even a successful vote — results are expected Monday - is unlikely to bring immediate change. Activists say too many people have died for them to accept anything less than Assad's ouster.

Meanwhile, as the regime hailed the referendum as a giant step toward reform, its military kept up a crackdown that has been focused for the past three weeks on the opposition stronghold city of Homs.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 18 civilians and 16 security personnel were killed Sunday, mostly in Homs. Another group, the Local Coordination Committees, said 45 people were killed nationwide. Activist groups estimate nearly 7,500 have died in 11 months of unrest. BEN HUBBARD AND ZEINA KARAM (AP)



Overseas Support? People in China are flooding a Web page of President Obama's re-election campaign with comments, after China seemingly lifted long-standing blocks. What some are calling "Occupy Obama" began early last week when Chinese Internet surfers noticed that Google's Plus service was widely accessible. The comments, mostly in Chinese, reached a torrent in recent days. Most seemed purely for fun; some asked for green cards. (AP)

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MEDIA

New Sun Emerges

Rupert Murdoch's newest newspaper, the Sun on Sunday, launched Sunday with a familiar mix of celebrity news, scantily clad women and defiant language. The new tabloid replaces the News of the World, which closed in July after revelations that the paper had routinely hacked into the phones of those in the public eye. The scandal has spawned three police investigations and a judge-led inquiry into media ethics. (AP)



Live Healthy

Pakistan Razes Bin Laden's Hideout



RESIDENTS WATCH THE TEARDOWN on Sunday of the threestory compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, that was used by Osama bin Laden until U.S. commandos raided it in May and killed the al-Qaeda mastermind. The demolition began unannounced and under heavy security late Saturday night.

Top Rebel Group In Colombia to Halt Kidnapping

Bogota, Colombia

Colombia's main rebel group said Sunday it is abandoning the practice of kidnapping and will free its last remaining "prisoners of war": 10 security force members it has held for as long as 14 years.

The leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, did provide a date for the liberation. The online announcement that it would no longer kidnap "for financial ends" was its first unequivocal statement on the practice since it took up arms in 1964. (AP)

Egypt Launches Mass Trial of 43 NGO Employees

Cairo

Egypt went forward with a trial Sunday that has plunged relations with the U.S. into the deepest crisis in decades, prosecuting 16 Americans and 27 other employees of pro-democracy groups and nongovernmental organizations on charges they used foreign funds to foment unrest.

U.S. and Egyptian officials were said to be in intense discussions in an attempt to resolve the case. The proceedings were adjourned until April 26. (AP)



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Purple Line Tunnel Plan Rejected

Decision means trail users may be forced onto Wisconsin Ave.

Transportation

Maryland transit planners have rejected two proposals to keep a popular recreation trail inside a tunnel in downtown Bethesda alongside future Purple Line trains, making it increasingly likely that trail users would have to cross busy Wisconsin Avenue and navigate the crowded shopping and entertainment district along local streets.

The tunnel issue is likely to become increasingly contentious as Purple Line supporters and state officials grapple with how to keep the \$1.93 billion project competitive for federal construction funding. Some Montgomery



Maryland Transit Administration officials tour the tunnel beneath Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda last fall. A plan to keep the trail alongside the Purple Line was rejected.

County residents and trail users say opting for a cheaper surface trail would betray promises from state and local officials that Purple Line trains and trail users would share the tunnel on the northeast corner of Woodmont and Bethesda avenues.

In its latest analysis sent to the Montgomery County Council late Friday, the Maryland Transit Administration said building a Purple Line station east of the tunnel would add three minutes of walking time for Purple Line passengers transferring to and from the Metro Red Line's Bethesda station. That would reduce Purple Line ridership, lengthen travel times and make the project less competitive for federal funding, the report said. Another option — tearing down and redeveloping an office building to expand the cramped tunnel - would be too expensive, according to the report.

That leaves the Montgomery council with two options: funneling cyclists and joggers through a "concrete box structure" built above the trains' overhead electrical lines or routing them around the tunnel via local streets.

The Montgomery planning board said in November that rebuilding the trail above trains would be too expensive. The cost estimate that the planning board rejected has since increased to \$50.9 million from \$40.5 million. KATHERINE SHAVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Va. Is Closer To Getting 2 More Seats on **Airports Board**

Transportation

After months of sparring, Virginia moved closer Friday to exerting more influence over the board that operates Dulles and Reagan airports and supervises construction of the new Metrorail line to Loudoun County.

The Virginia House of Delegates unanimously passed a bill that would give Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell, a Republican, until July 1 to appoint two new people to the board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which federal legislation recently increased in size from 13 to 17. The Senate previously passed the bill, which now heads to McDonnell for his signature. DANA HEDGPETH AND ANITA KUMAR (TWP)

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In Brief

Ex-Pastor Gets 6 Years For Child Molestation



Shelton

A former pastor in Virginia has been sentenced to six years in prison for child molestation. Tommy Shelton Jr. was sentenced Friday in Fairfax County Circuit Court after

entering an Alford plea to molestation charges, in which a defendant admits that there's enough evidence for a conviction but does not admit guilt. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Study: Fewer D.C. Kids **In High-Poverty Areas**

A recent study shows fewer children in Washington are living in neighborhoods with high concentrations of poverty. But D.C. still holds a higher concentrated poverty rate than any state and ranks as the 10th-worst among large U.S. cities. The new Kids Count report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that about 33.000 children in D.C. live in neighborhoods where at least 30 percent of residents are below the poverty line. That's an 11 percent drop from 2000. (AP)

The average price for a gallon of gas in Virginia, according to AAA Mid-Atlantic, That's an increase of 7 cents from the week before. (AP)

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Area Seeks to Opt Out of 'No Child'

D.C., Md., Va. hope for approval to skirt accountability system

Washington

For the past decade, public schools nationwide have aimed for a target fixed in federal law: that 100 percent of students should pass reading and math tests by 2014. Now Virginia wants to lower the goal to 75 percent for reading and 70 percent for math.

Maryland and the District also want to revise expectations for student achievement, part of a national movement to seek feder-

al approval to opt out of key parts of the 2002 No Child Left Behind law. Many educators say the law saddles schools with unrealistic goals and unfair penalties.

But Virginia appears to be seeking an especially significant departure from an accountability system that demands progress each year toward the 2014 target.

Under the law, schools are flagged if any of several groups of students identified by race, ethnicity, poverty or other factors fails to make adequate progress on state tests or certain other measures. Those flagged year after year can face sanctions up to reorganization or closure.

Virginia's Plan

Virginia wants to judge schools by marrying its own accreditation system, which was in place before the advent of No Child Left Behind, with a new method of defining and accounting for the achievement of minority student groups. Schools will be fully accredited when 75 percent of all students achieve proficient scores on reading tests and 70 percent achieve proficiency in other subjects. (TWP)

"No Child Left Behind is misidentifying our schools," said Patricia I. Wright, Virginia superintendent of public instruction. "It is not a reasonable approach," Nearly twothirds of Virginia's schools failed in 2011 to meet the law's standard for adequate progress.

Critics of Virginia's proposal worry that it is a retreat from one of the law's most important aims: unmasking and addressing large achievement gaps among groups of students, including racial and ethnic minorities; poor children; students with disabilities; and those who are learning English.

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan announced in the fall that he would waive portions of the law for states that outline alternative plans and agree to certain reforms. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

D.C. Woman Bets the Farm on Animal Care



BRITISH BULLDOG LOU is dried off by Asher Inman, 14, during a recent visit to the Doggie Washerette on Georgia Avenue last Friday. The facility's owner, Ethel Taylor, used to be a missionary in Liberia and then a mail carrier before she opened $the business. Taylor is \textit{risking} her \textit{life} savings to become the latest player in the local pet-care industry. \\ \textbf{I} \textbf{postlocal.com}$

2 Firefighters **Critically Hurt** In Pr. George's

Riverdale, Md.

Two firefighters remained in critical condition and a third was also being treated after a house fire in Prince George's County on Friday.

County fire department spokesman Mark Brady said two Bladensburg volunteer firefighters, Ethan Sorrell and Kevin O'Toole, were in critical but stable condition at Washington Hospital Center Saturday afternoon. A third, Riverdale volunteer firefighter Michael McLary, was treated for rib injuries but was expected to be released by the evening.

Seven firefighters overall were injured fighting a house fire in Riverdale on Friday night.

Brady says the firefighters were hurt when a burst of fresh air from the rear of the house created a fireball inside. (AP)



Eagle Eye: Metro officials sent a special train to rescue a bald eagle spotted on the tracks along the Blue Line in Alexandria last week, the transit agency says. After it was decided that the eagle, with an apparent broken wing, could not fly out on its own, transit police sent a rescue train with wildlife specialists from the King Street station on the mission. The bird was found and taken to the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia in Falls Church for rehabilitation. (TWP)

Money

Out With the Old

De-clutter and make a little money by getting rid of stuff you don't need

The ritual of spring cleaning can bring lots of poetic benefits: spiritual renewal, charitable donations, a clutter-free lifestyle. But it also can be a way to save money - and even make a dollar or two. Here's how to get the biggest bang for your buck out of this annual ritual.

A Proper Place

Your top priority is to make a place for everything you own. No matter how well you think you've cataloged your clutter, it will cause you to lose things — and that means you waste money replacing them. When you know where to find light bulbs or glue or tape or checks, you won't have to buy more when you don't need to.

"In essence, when you springclean, that equals money in your pocket," says Brenda Spangrud, founder of Sorted Organizing Products and Services in Arizona. "Every client of mine who cleans always finds unused gift cards, uncashed checks left in a pile somewhere."

After you've de-cluttered, and maybe made a few bucks, don't wait for the detritus to start gathering again. Just as cleaning gutters regularly can make them last longer and cut your repair costs, changing your heater's or air conditioner's filter will help it last longer, and keeping the bathtub clean every day will mean less money spent on (and less environmental impact from) & extra-strength cleaners to remove tough lime stains. (AP)

Sell It All

Craigslist, eBay, Amazon.com and a raft of more specialized and local websites have made it easier than ever to sell stuff you're done with. So move it on out.

Also try going to consignment stores or throwing a yard sale. Think no one wants to buy your old denim jacket or discarded camera? Just remember the old adage: One man's trash is another man's treasure.

Many Jobs, One Cleaner

Multipurpose cleaners really do work for multiple tasks, so buy just one, says Sarah Fishburne director of trend and design products at Home Depot Inc. Or make one by mixing baking soda with water. You can find recipes online using natural ingredients.

Another cost-saving tip: Microfiber rags or even old T-shirts will dust and clean more effectively and at a lower cost than disposable wipes.

Shop Your Closet

Organizing your closet is a great way to rediscover clothes, shoes and other items you've forgotten about, letting you create new combinations with items you already have.

"When you take out things you're not utilizing, you can see what you have and coordinate more outfits," Spangrud says.

And when you know you have five black tank tops — and where to find them — you're less likely to buy a sixth.

Tax-Time Advantage

Whether you've been collecting all those receipts in the top drawer on purpose or not, you may be able to squeeze some serious cash out of them. Get them organized and you'll get more out of your taxes.

"The time and effort pays off when you can reach into your filing system and say 'These are all my receipts for business entertaining or medical expenses," says Angie Weid, owner of Organized Solutions in Toledo, Ohio. "You need to easily be able to grab them rather than spending time and effort sorting through box or bag to find them."

Gather Your Change

The coins lying under couch cushions, in pockets and at the backs of drawers can add up to tens or even hundreds of dollars. So you might be surprised how much you have.

And don't be stingy about the fee for a coin-counting service if using one is the only way you'll get value from the coins. After all, it's found money! MAE ANDERSON (AP)

The National Center for Health Statistics is looking for adults aged 18 years and over who have ever thought about giving blood, have been deferred from giving blood for any reason, or who have successfully given blood in the past, to test questions that are asked of potential blood donors before they donate such as, medical history, sexual history, current medications, and travel history. The survey research interview will be no longer than 60 minutes and participants will receive \$50.

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Cover Story

Afghan Protests Rage On

Leaders urge calm as the backlash over the burning of Korans grows

Kabul, Afghanistan

More than 30 people have been killed, including four U.S. troops, in six days of unrest in the escalating crisis over the burning of Muslim holy books at an American airfield in Afghanistan. Still, the top U.S. diplomat in Afghanistan said the violence would not change Washington's course.

"Tensions are running very high here, and I think we need to let things calm down, return to a more normal atmosphere, and then get on with business," Ambassador Ryan Crocker told CNN's "State of the Union."

The violence continued Sunday, as demonstrators hurled grenades at a U.S. base in northern Afghanistan, and a gunbattle left two Afghans dead and seven NATO troops injured.

The protests began Tuesday, after Afghan workers at Bagram Air Field noticed on Sunday that Korans and other Islamic texts were in the trash that coalition troops dumped into a pit where garbage is burned. Afghan government officials said initial reports indicated four Korans were burned.

U.S. officials said the materials had been taken from a library at Parwan Detention Facility, which adjoins the base, because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions.

President Obama and other U.S. officials have apologized for the burnings, which they said were a mistake. But their apologies have not quelled the anger of Afghans, who say the incident illustrates foreigners' disrespect for their culture and religion.

In Sunday's protest in Kunduz,



Two U.S. troops are fatally shot Thursday by an Afghan soldier during protesters' attack on a U.S. base in the eastern Nangarhar province.

Afghan police chase protesters at an anti-U.S. demonstration in Kabul on Friday as thousands of Afghans stage new protests across the country.

Thursday Saturday Saturday

Two U.S. military advisers, a lieutenant colonel and a major, are found dead Saturday after being shot in the head in their office at the Interior Ministry in Kabul, prompting NATO, Britain and France to recall hundreds of advisers in the capital. (AP/TWP)

Apology Under Fire

GOP presidential hopeful Rick Santorum criticized President Obama's apology for the burning of Korans in Afghanistan by U.S. forces last week, adding that Afghanistan should apologize for the deaths of four U.S. soldiers in the backlash. "This was something that happened as a mistake, " Santorum said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" about the burnings. "Killing Americans in uniform is not a mistake." He said Obama should have only acknowledged that burning copies of Islam's holiest book in a trash pit was wrong and taken responsibility for the incident. (AP)

thousands of protesters tried to enter the district's largest city. Individuals fired on police and threw grenades at the U.S. base on the city outskirts, officials said.

Seven NATO troops were wounded. One protester was killed by troops firing from the U.S. base,

and another was killed by Afghan police, officials said.

In an address to the nation, Afghan President Hamid Karzai renewed his calls for calm.

"Now is the time to return to calm and not let the enemies of peace and development to use this



'This is not the time

to decide that we're done here. We have got to redouble our efforts."

U.S. AMBASSADOR RYAN CROCKER ON CNN'S "STATE OF THE UNION" ON SUNDAY, DISCUSSING THE U.S.' ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN IN LIGHT OF THE UPROAR OVER KORAN BURNINGS.

situation," Karzai said in a news conference Sunday.

The week's events have exposed a core vulnerability of the Obama administration's strategy for winding down the decade-long Afghan war and are seen as a blow to the West's effort in winning the hearts and minds of Afghans.

Protesters and Afghan Islamic clerics have demanded the parliament and government to put those responsible for the Koran burnings on trial. The resurgent Taliban have urged Afghans to ignore apologies from U.S. authorities over the act and urged retaliation against Western installations and military personnel.

Afghanistan's defense and interior ministers were expected to visit Washington this week, but they called off the trip to consult with other Afghan officials and religious leaders on how to stop the ongoing violence in their country, Pentagon press secretary George Little said. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sports

In Brief



Lindsey Vonn celebrates after winning the super-G at the World Cup Sunday.

SKIING

Vonn Sets Record With 51st Super-G Win

Lindsey Vonn won a super-G on a demanding course Sunday to become the World Cup career leader in the discipline. This was the American's 10th World Cup victory this season and the 51st of her career. By winning her 18th super-G, she overtook Austria's Renate Goetschl for the record. (AP)

SOCCER

Liverpool Wins Cup

Liverpool won its first trophy in six years Sunday, beating second-tier Cardiff 3-2 in a penalty shootout to capture the League Cup while Manchester United kept the Premier League title race bubbling with a last-gasp victory. (AP)

Mahan Bests McIlrov

Hunter Mahan stopped Rory McIlroy's march to No. 1 by winning the Match Play Championship. Mahan built a 4-up lead through 10 holes at Dove Mountain, then held off the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland to capture his second World Golf Championship title. (AP)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

S. Florida Edges Cincy

Freshman point guard Anthony Collins drained two free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining to lift South Florida past Cincinnati, 46-45, on Sunday in a Big East Conference game that carried NCAA Tournament implications for both teams. South Florida (18-11, 11-5) is seeking its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1992. Cincinnati (20-9, 10-6) saw its three-game winning streak come to an end. (AP)



The Nationals

Ever since he became the Nationals' very first draft pick, Ryan Zimmerman wanted to stay with the club for the long haul. Now he'll get that wish.

for the long haul

The Nationals took what they hope is another step toward consistent contention by locking up their third baseman — and the guy many still call the face of the franchise through 2019, adding six years to Zimmerman's existing contract in a deal announced Sunday.

The deal includes a full notrade clause.

The extra six seasons are worth \$100 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

"It's nice that it's done," Zimmerman said at a news conference at the club's spring training stadi-

Money Well Spent?

Only eight players in baseball are guaranteed to make more than Ryan Zimmerman's \$126 million guaranteed from 2012 on. His contract also makes him the second-highest-paid third baseman in major league history, behind Alex Rodriguez. So is he worth it?

- Zimmerman was the team's first draft pick after the Montreal Expos moved to Washington before the 2005 season — he was taken No. 4 overall that year after playing college baseball at Virginia — and quickly emerged as the face of the franchise.
- ► He's been an NL All-Star, and also collected Gold Glove and Silver Slugger awards.
- ▶ He's considered one of the top defensive third basemen in the majors.

CONS:

- Last season, Zimmerman was limited by injuries to 395 at-bats over 101 games. He hit .289 with 12 homers, 21 doubles and 49 RBI.
- ► His career stats .288 batting average, 128 homers, 214 doubles, 498 RBIs, a .355 on-base percentage and .479 slugging percentage — are solid but not in the same league as some of the other high-priced stars in the majors.
- ► For all of Zimmerman's leadership skills and on-field talents, the Nats have yet to crack .500 with him. (AP)

um in Viera, Fla. "It's where I want to be. It's where I've always wanted to be."

He already was signed for 2012 and 2013, with \$26 million remaining on the five-year, \$45 million contract he got at the start of the 2009 season. He's now guaranteed \$126 million over the next eight seasons, and there is a club option for 2020. The average annual value of Zimmerman's extension is \$16.7 million; the average for the eight years works out to \$15.75 million.

The money won't change Zimmerman's approach, the third baseman originally from Virginia Beach, Va., said on Sunday.

The number of players, including Ryan Zimmerman, signed through at least 2019. The others are along with Albert Pujols, Prince Fielder, Troy Tulowitzki, Ryan Braun and Matt Kemp. (AP)

"I love pressure. I don't think people get these kinds of contracts that don't want to be in pressure situations. Ever since I've been here, I've wanted to be the guy that's up last in the ninth inning," Zimmerman said. "I've wanted to be the guy that everyone looks to. I've wanted to be the so-called leader. I relish being that guy. I love it. I wouldn't have it any other way."

As proof of his leadership skills, more than a dozen of his teammates showed up for Sunday's news conference.

When Stan Kasten was team president, the Nationals had a policy against giving players notrade clauses. But they added such a clause when they signed outfielder Jayson Werth to a \$126 million, seven-year contract as a free agent last offseason.

And now they've done it for Zimmerman. "I'd rather not give a no-trade than give a no-trade because it gives me more flexibility. But for players like this, if it's give a no-trade or not have the player, that's a pretty easy decision," general manager Mike Rizzo said. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

"It's just another indication the organization is moving in the right direction."

- NATIONALS SHORTSTOP IAN DESMOND, WHO WAS A BIG FAN OF WASHINGTON'S LOCKING UP RYAN ZIMMERMAN WITH A SIX-YEAR, \$100 MILLION CONTRACT EXTENSION.

Sports

Thomas Carries Terps to Victory

Maryland wins its 4th straight to earn No. 3 seed in tournev

Terps Women's Hoops

Maryland kept feeding the ball to Alyssa Thomas in the second half, and she kept scoring. Things clicked so well that coach Brenda Frese wasn't about to try anything else.

Thomas scored 22 of her 24 points in the second half and added a career-high 17 rebounds in the sixth-ranked Terrapins' 65-50 win over North Carolina State on Sunday.

"She just got into a really good groove," Frese said. "So, once we saw the groove she was in, we kept play-calling her direction."

Thomas finished two points shy of her scoring high — after accepting a halftime challenge from her coach — to help the Terrapins (25-4, 12-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) win their fourth-straight game.

They clinched the No. 3 seed in the league tournament that starts Thursday in Greensboro, N.C.

"Coach Frese challenged us at halftime and told us we were playing scared and that we didn't come to play," Thomas said. "I kind of took that to heart a little bit and came out there and tried to hit the glass

hard."



Laurin Mincy added 12 points for Maryland. The Terps never trailed, overcame

18 turnovers and used a late 17-5 run to pull away and claim their seventh win in eight tries against the Wolfpack (16-14, 5-11).

Thomas — who averages 16.7 points — was the only Maryland player to score during a 10½-minute stretch of that half, reeling off 16-consecutive points for her team.

"She couldn't miss," Frese said. JOEDY MCCREARY (AP)

Weekend Rewind



• The Capitals beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 for their second-straight win.

Kyrie Irving scored 34 points to win MVP of the Rising Stars Challenge.

- Virginia Tech lost a late lead before falling to Duke's hoops team, 70-65, in overtime.
- Virginia's basketball team came up short, 54-51, against North Carolina.
- The Redskins signed center Will Montgomery to a four-year contract extension.
- Bethesda's Julie Zetlin won a spot on the U.S. Olympic rhythmic gymnastics team.

TV Lineup

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN)

It's senior day when Georgetown hosts Big East rival Notre Dame.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M.,

ESPN) Kansas tries to build off its win over Missouri when visiting Oklahoma

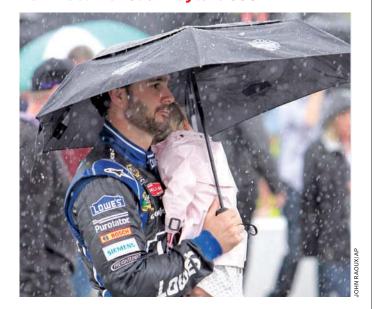
PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., NBCSN)

The New York Rangers face the New Jersey Devils.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M.,

9 P.M., ESPN2) Baylor plays Texas A&M, and UConn hosts Notre Dame.

Rain Puts Brakes on Daytona 500



JIMMIE JOHNSON carries his daughter along pit row during a rain delay at the Daytona 500 on Sunday. Inclement weather postponed the premier race – which will feature Danica Patrick's NASCAR debut—to Monday at noon.

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Sports

Hoyas' Clark Not Ready to Reflect

Ahead of final home game, the senior still has plenty to play for

Hoyas Hoops

Here's a nickname for Hoyas senior Jason Clark: the Chameleon

Throughout his four years at Georgetown, the 6-foot-2 guard has adapted to whatever the Hoyas needed at the time. Last season, he played a secondary role to leading scorers and playmakers Chris Wright and Austin Freeman. This year, as a senior, Clark made a smooth transition into a leadership role, helping turn a group of mostly underclassmen into a Top 10 team.



"Jason Clark, I think, is one of the most underrated players in the country," Villanova coach Jay Wright said after Georgetown's 67-46 win over the Wildcats on Saturday. "He's not just a great player, but a great leader."

Clark racked up 15 points and six rebounds against the Wildcats at Verizon Center in front of a season-high 19,277 fans. Wright said Clark has the talent to score twice that much on any given night but that the guard's first priority is his team. "If his goal was to get 30 a night, he could, but I think his goal is to win," Wright said. "He's just a



High Honors

Jason Clark, who is ranked 16th in the Big East in scoring and seventh in steals, has scored in double figures in 21 of 27 games played this season, including four 20-plus games and a 31-point game—a career high that helped Georgetown beat DePaul Jan. 17. Overall, Clark achieved career-high numbers in eight categories this season, including assists, steals and blocks. K.L.

sassy player defensively. ... I really think he's one of the best players in the country."

With two games left this season — including his home finale Monday when the Hoyas host Notre Dame — Clark isn't thinking about life after Georgetown just yet. A win over the Irish — ranked second in the Big East — and next Saturday against Marquette would give Georgetown a double-bye in the conference tournament and lock up a high seed in the Big Dance.

"I'm not going to reflect," Clark said. "Coach said we're not going to reflect until the last game, when we have to take off our jersey and never put it on again." KRYSTINA LUCIDO

He's a Fast Man

Robert Griffin III, left, proved he's the fastest QB at this year's NFL scouting combine on Sunday, finishing the 40-yard dash in 4.41 seconds. But it may not be enough to supplant Andrew Luck as the No. 1 pick. Luck showed his talents with a broad jump of 10 feet, 4 inches, just shy of last year's top pick, Cam Newton. And Luck's vertical jump was higher than Newton's last year (AP)



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World Domination

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Paula Deen Lightens Up

The Food Network star shrugs off any criticism and plows ahead with plans to cook healthier

Television

A month after being widely criticized for revealing she has diabetes - and a lucrative endorsement deal for a drug to treat it - Paula Deen says she's ready to show a lighter side to her famously fatty Southern-style cooking.

Just don't expect her to swear off butter.

"I am who I am. But what I will be doing is offering up lighter versions of my recipes," the longtime Food Network star said during an interview at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

"I will have a broader platform now, trying to do something for everybody," she said. "But you know, I'm Southern by roots. I was taught [to cook] by my grandmother, and nothing I can do would change that."

Food Network general manager and senior vice president Bob Tuschman says the network is open to working with Deen to shape her show's future. "The discussions for what that could look like are just getting under way," he said.

The Food Network did not immediately respond to questions regarding Deen's new approach or whether it was involved in the decision.

While there was a backlash over the lag time between Deen's diagnosis and when she announced she had diabetes, the harshest criticism was triggered by her simultaneous



Backlash

Mixed Messages

Last month, Paula Deen drew the ire of many in the health and culinary worlds when she announced that she was diagnosed nearly three years before with Type 2 diabetes. Roughly 23 million Americans are believed to have Type 2 diabetes. During those years, she continued to promote her butter- and bacon-laden cooking, and to profit from lucrative endorsement deals with companies such as Smithfield Hams and Philadelphia Cream Cheese. (AP)

announcement that she also would be a paid pitch person for drugmaker Novo Nordisk's new online program, Diabetes in a New Light, and for its pricy drug, Victoza, which she takes.

Deen would not say how much she is being paid or what portion of her earnings she will donate to the American Diabetes Association. And she dismissed the idea that she should have announced her diagnosis sooner, citing her longstanding battle with agoraphobia.

"It took me 20 years to come out and stand up and say, 'Hey, my name's Paula, and I'm agoraphobic," she said. "I was so ashamed, so embarrassed. So to do it in two and a half years, I thought it was pretty good."

Deen, who is 65, shrugged off the criticism, saying her fans have stood by her. "I think a few people ... wanted to hate on me for coming down with something," she said. "But I so don't worry about it."

Though Deen said last month she wasn't planning to change her approach to on-air cooking, on Friday she said that when she begins shooting new episodes of her show this spring, the recipes will offer something for everyone, including people who want healthier recipes.

But because filming and production schedules are set well in advance, it could take up to two years before those episodes are aired. J.M. HIRSCH (AP)



'The West Wing' Meets 'Independence Day': Bill Pullman has won a second term in the White House. The "Independence Day" star has signed on to play the president in NBC's pilot "1600 Penn," Thewrap.com reports. The pilot, which will focus on the dysfunctional first family, co-stars Brittany Snow as the first daughter. Former Obama speechwriter

Jon Lovett, "Book of Mormon" star Josh Gad and "Modern Family" scribe Jason Winer will produce the show. (EXPRESS)

lookout entertainment

His Own Moves

Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine has an edge on 'The Voice'

Music

With moving like Mick Jagger and dating Russian model Anne Vyalitsyna, Maroon 5 front man Adam Levine hasn't had problems attracting women in recent years.

In an interview, the 32-yearold said that even though he was a "nerdy" musician in high school, he still always had luck with the ladies.

"I loved hanging out with girls.... It was never an issue, how about that? And, of course, it's been magnified times 1,000 with this whole [fame] thing that's happened, so it's kind of crazy. I did OK. I did all right," he said.

Besides music, Levine has found success as one of the celebrity coaches on NBC's singing competition show "The Voice" alongside Blake Shelton, Christina Aguilera and Cee Lo Green. The show airs Monday nights on NBC.

One of Levine's contestants, Javier Colon, won its first season. But not everyone thought it was a good idea for Levine to join the show.

"A musician's life is constantly filled with people saying, 'Why are you doing this?" he said. "I'm a fan of people saying that because it must mean I'm doing something right. I've never been a fan of the cookiecutter way of life. I liked that this was spiking something new into what I do."

Despite Levine's success so far on the show, he said he doesn't really have a strategy when it comes to staying ahead of the other judges.

"I don't really strategize as much as I want the right people to

"I've never been a fan of the cookiecutter way of life. I liked that ['The Voice'] was spiking something new into what I do."

sing the right songs the right way and to have the right moment to, hopefully, increase their chances of moving forward because that's my job," he said. "I'm there to help people be fully realized and have people see the best versions of who they are." ALICIA RANCILIO (AP)



 $Adam \, Sandler \, plays \, both \, Jill, \, left, \, and \, her \, twin, \, Jack, \, right, \, in \, "Jack \, and \, Jill."$

Sandler Sets New Razzies Standard

Film

When Adam Sandler's bad, he's really bad, according to voters for the Razzies, an Academy Awards spoof that singles out the worst movies of the year.

Sandler received a record 11 nominations Saturday for the Razzies as star, producer or writer

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Sunday's Oscars occurred after Express' deadline. For results, see washingtonpost.com

on three 2011 movies — "Jack and Jill," "Just Go With It" and "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star."

That's more than double the old record of five Razzie nominations held by Eddie Murphy for 2007's

Winners

Worst of the Worst

Along with "Bucky Larson" and "Jack and Jill," worst-picture contenders are "New Year's Eve," "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" and "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1." "Jack and Jill" led with 12 nominations, "Transformers" was second with nine, and "Twilight" was right behind with eight. (AP)

"Norbit." Sandler's nominations include worst actor for both "Jack and Jill" and "Just Go With It" — and worst actress for "Jack and Jill."

Razzie winners will be named on April Fool's Day. (AP)

<mark>Today's Top Stops</mark>

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Dancing Feet
Gene Kelly was arguably the best dancer of the golden age of movie musicals (yes, Fred Astaire was great; don't send angry letters), and in honor of what would have been his 100th birthday, AFI is throwing him a retrospective. Re-watch "Singin' in the Rain" or "Anchors Aweigh," or dip into the lesser-known "It's Always Fair Weather." AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through April 5; 301-495-6720, Afi. com/silver. (Silver Spring)

Pown the Fox Hole
Fox News is often vaguely decried for its conservative bias, but Media Matters
founder David Brock goes a lot deeper
than that in "The Fox Effect." His book
delves into the Fox News empire and
how it was shaped by president Roger
Ailes. Brock's meticulously researched
work uses leaks and interviews with
Fox employees to get the story. Politics
and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW;
7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politicsprose.com. (Van Ness)

Comic Genius

Putting comics on film is tough; putting them onstage is harder. But Studio Theatre's

premiere of "Astro Boy and the God of Comics" is a 70-minute romp through the work of manga cartoonist Osamu Tezuka, who created lovable robot hero Astro Boy in the 1950s.

Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through March 11, \$38-\$43; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org.
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TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

The Bachelor A surprise awaits Ben, left, and the three remaining women as they arrive in Switzerland: a rejected contestant who confesses her strong feelings for Ben before dropping another bombshell that has him questioning all the decisions he's made up to that point. Chris Harrison hosts this new enisode.



2 Broke Girls Remember how Max and Caroline got together? Caroline came to work at the diner after her father went to prison and lost the family fortune. In this new episode, Max accompanies Caroline on a visit to see her dad behind bars in "And the One-Night Stands."

10:00

It's a Brad, Brad World As Gary puts the finishing touches on the anniversary party, Brad juggles styling a J Brand shoot with greeting out-of-town guests. At the party, Gary unveils a surprise he's prepared, which brings Brad to tears, in the season finale, "The Big Day."



American Masters The new episode "Cab Calloway: Sketches" uses performance clips and animation to profile the legendary jazz artist who was one of the first black musicians to tour the segregationist South and who was a regular performer at Harlem's famed Cotton Club.





Girls' Getaway

BRAVO 9:00

Bethenny takes her three closest girlfriends out to Montauk for a girls' weekend. As she treats them to good times, they encourage her to consider having another

baby. At the end of the weekend, Bethenny realizes how difficult it is for her to trust anyone but her oldest, dearest friends in the new episode "Alias Benjamin Frankelin." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Smash



From Broadway To 'Broadway'

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" star Nick Jonas will be strutting his stuff on "Smash" (10 p.m. NBC) as a hot young star who's the guest of honor at a party hosted by Derek (Jack Davenport). Eileen (Anjelica Huston) tries a new fundraising strategy. Tom (Christian Borle) goes on a first date. Katharine McPhee and Debra Messing also star in the new episode "The Cost of Art." (TM)



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Lynn Buonocore, Robert Tucker

Lynn, 26, is a security specialist. Robert, 25, is a banker. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: Oct. 7, 2011, in East Syracuse, N.Y. The couple picked out every verse and vow they said, with the help of their church. Lynn walked down the aisle to Pachelbel's "Canon in D" on the organ.

MAKING IT UNIQUE: They gave out chocolate and raspberry lip balm as favors, with the saying "It all began with a kiss" written on the side.

FAVORITE MOMENTS: For Lynn, seeing Robert at the end of the aisle. She couldn't spot him when she



entered the church, "and I began to panic. My dad had to tell me to slow down, that he would be there." For Robert, "the blessing of the rings. Our poor little ring bearer got blasted in the face with holy water."

ONE FOR THE SCRAPBOOK: The groomsmen spent a lot of time doting on Lynn's and Robert's mothers. "I'm pretty sure they got fake-proposed-to at least three times each," Lynn says.

wedding worries: "I was worried about how my fraternity brothers would behave, but I'm pretty sure they knew Lynn would kill them if they went too far," Robert says.

DO-OVERS: "I would have enjoyed more of our food," he says.



Tyler Beckwith, Lynne Shallcross

Tyler, 30, is a program analyst for the TSA. Lynne, 30, is a writer at a magazine. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: April 28, outdoors near the Netherlands Carillon.

HOW THEY MET: Through Lynne's friend, who was Tyler's roommate.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "Lynne was absolutely beautiful and that she wouldn't be interested in me."

FIRST DATE: Coffee at Murky in

Clarendon.

HOW HE PROPOSED: With an evening of five surprise stops around D.C., culminating at the Lincoln Memorial just before midnight. He proposed in the first minutes of their fifth anniversary.

THEIR SONG: Michael Buble's "Everything." Just months into dating, Tyler deployed with the National Guard for a year and a half. "Everything' represents how life throws you crazy curveballs," Lynne says, "but if you're with the one you love, you can make it through anything."

Shelley Kozain, Adam Wehler

Shelley, 30, is a high school Spanish teacher. Adam, 30, works for a law firm. They live in Fairfax.

THE MAIN EVENT: They will wed in a traditional Catholic Mass in Shelley's hometown in Pennsylvania on July 21. **HOW THEY MET:** She was part of a team running the American Odyssey

Relay and needed a last-minute addition. He volunteered, despite not having trained, and they hit it off immediately.

FIRST DATE: A week after the race. Adam's from Tampa, Fla., so they caught a Rays-Orioles game in Baltimore.

FIRST KISS: On the way into the ballpark. "We stopped to let cars pass, and I couldn't really wait any longer," Adam says.

HOW HE PROPOSED: While they were



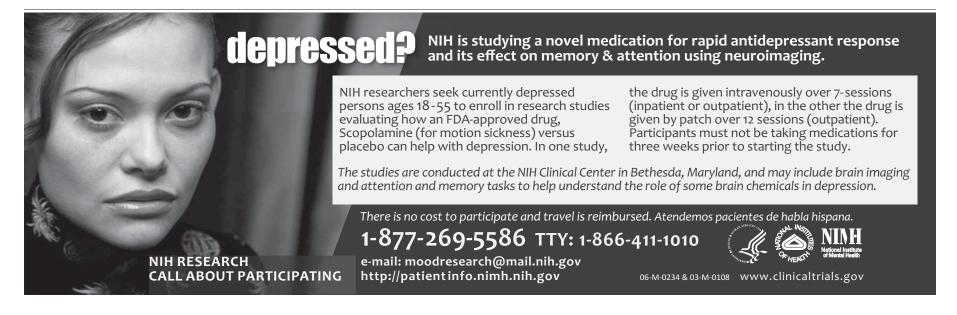
touring the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C. He asked a stranger to take their picture, then he dropped to one knee.

STUPIDEST FIGHT: Over traffic on the Beltway. "I quickly became irritated at his attempts to make light of the situation, and it was resolved that I never drive on road trips again."

PET NAMES: They call each other "Pandita," after Costa Rican gummy bears of the same name.

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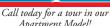
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"@tomsherwood Hey Uncle Tom! U thought I couldn't tweet. Guess what? I have more followers than YOU! Bwahahaha!"

—@MARIONBARRYJR, the Twitter account of Ward 8 D.C. Council member Marion Barry, taunts NBC4 reporter Tom Sherwood after the two argued over Barry's social media skills during an interview on WAMU Friday.

"Depending on who you ask, Minnesota Timberwolves youngster Derrick Williams either got robbed or was extremely disappointing at the 2012 NBA Slam Dunk Contest on Saturday night. ... You can't dunk over a bike when someone dunked over a car, dude."

— ALEX GROBERMAN AT OPPOS-INGVIEWS.COM wasn't surprised that Williams didn't win after doing a dunk that was eerily similar to the one that won Blake Griffin the same contest in 2011. "Anyone could have just made a stop-by at his prom. Taking him to [the Academy of Country Music Awards] is much, much bigger. I'm not a fan of her music, but I'm very impressed."

— COMMENTER TALLGUY10 AT PEREZHILTON.

COM was happy to hear that Taylor Swift plans to take Kevin McGuire, 18, of Somerdale, N.J., who has leukemia, to the awards show after his sister started a Facebook campaign for Swift to go with him to his senior prom. "#MoviesWere
BestWhen
buying snacks
wasn't the
same amount of
money as buying
another ticket."

— @ISABELLASACC01 reminisces about the old days with the trending hashtag on the day of the 84th Annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

"The real problem for [Mitt] Romney, though, is that unforced errors like this — and by that I mean the bad choice of venue, the lackluster speech, and the line about the Cadillacs — chip away at the only real argument for his candidacy, the argument that he's the best candidate to beat Barack Obama in the fall."

-DOUG MATACONIS AT OUTSIDE-THEBELTWAY.COM reacts to the Republican presidential candidate's speech before the Detroit Economic Club, which was held at a largely empty Ford Field in Detroit.

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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can avoid conflict today by avoiding situations about which you know little — or less. Stick to what you know at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You've been fooling yourself for quite some time, and today events will show you just where you've been and what you're facing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Any recklessness on your part can only result in putting undue strain on one or two key relationships today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be unusually sensitive today, especially where family members are concerned. You're in no mood to hear it like it is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can trust your inner circle to do what is necessary to see you through a difficult time — and it may actually end today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your memories today will inspire you to do something that a loved one has been waiting for you to do for some time. You'll feel good!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A few mishaps during the day may result in a latenight excursion for you and a partner. There is fun to be had, however.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may not be able to complete a certain task today until someone else has completed his or hers first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) There's no need to apologize for something for which you were not responsible though you are certainly involved in some way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may not have a sure grasp of the timing involved in a certain endeavor today. A friend tries to give you the low-down.

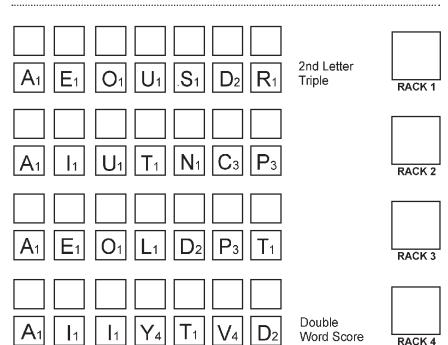
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Things come to you piecemeal today, but you can put it all together and use it all to your advantage when the time comes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have the feeling that someone close to you is trying to hide something from you — and it may not be something you can overlook.



Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 208



Friday's Solution

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U ₁ N ₁ R ₁ E ₁ A ₁ D ₂ Y ₄	RACK 3 =	61
N ₁ O ₁ T ₁ E ₁ P ₃ A ₁ D ₂	RACK 4 =	80_
PAR SCORE 145-155	TOTAL	212

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Friday's Solution

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Need more Suldolku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE I STEPHAN PASTIS

LISTEN, STEPH, I KNOW THAT EVERY YEAR

YOU'RE UP FOR CARTOONING'S HIGHEST

AWARD, THE REUBEN, AND THAT EVERY

year you lose. So now I feel bad for

BUILDING YOU THIS EMPTY TROPHY SHELF.

IS THAT 50?



YEAH, SO I BOUGHT YOU

SOME DECORATIVE WOODEN

letters to fill the space

THEY'RE FUN TO REARRANGE

IF YOU'RE EVER BORED.



WELL, I GUESS THATS

PRETTY

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YOU. THANKS

OH, LOOK.

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TROPHY.

Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny and warmer today;

breezy in the afternoon. Clear tonight.

Tomorrow: Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Plenty of clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







57 | 45 | 61 | 37 | 56 | 40

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:45 a.m. Sunset today: 5:58 p.m. Moonrise today: 9:16 a.m. Moonset today: 11:47 p.m.

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Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Mickey and Mighty
- 5 Garnish unit
- 10 A flat, thick piece
- 14 Scandinavian capital
- 15 Desire desperately
- 16 Became tattered
- 17 Revenuer's quarry
- 19 "All ___ being equal ..."
- 20 Bird related to the cassowary
- 21 Boot out of office
- 22 Flooring wood
- 24 "Deliverance" actor Beatty
- 25 "Kiss my grits" lady of TV
- 26 "Last Judgment" chapel
- 28 Covert get-together
- 30 Civil Rights org.
- 32 Links statistic
- 33 Pod plant
- 35 Snow runner
- 36 7-Un alternative
- 37 Like an unflipped fried
- 40 Did a blacksmith's job
- 42 Kickoff gadget
- 43 Holiday's yesterday 44 Common Market
- monogram
- 45 Clues
- 47 Some swords have two
- 51 Some arm muscles
- 53 "To thine ____ self ..."
- 55 "The Murders in the ____
- Morque'
- 56 Buovant wood
- 57 Baroque chamber
- instrument
- 58 Bygone Turkish title
- 59 "Ali ___ and the Forty Thieves"
- 60 Overly romantic 63 Citrus fruit variety
- 64 Distinct musical sounds
- 65 Silver State tourist
- destination
- 66 Make a judgement
- 67 Earliest stage
- 68 "Brady Bunch" name

DOWN

- 1 Brief period of time
- 2 Chemical "twin"
- 3 Overcast
- 4 A hillion years, in astronomy
- 5 Bar mitzvah site (var.)
- 6 Attica or Leavenworth
- 7 Angry monologue
- 8 "Now ___ seen
- everything!"
- 9 Disinfectant
- 10 Cleaned, as a driveway
- 11 Sweet sucker
- 12 Ammo depot
- 13 Apiary occupant
- 18 Start to melt
- 23 Adder relative
- 26 "The Chronicles of Clovis" writer
- - - 50 Seasoned sailor
 - 52 Forty-niner's stake

- 27 Time of importance 54 Best's opposite
- 34 Restaurant order
- 36 Gave a stage signal
- 37 Friendly and pleasant
- 38 Urgent cravings
- 39 In a balanced manner
- 40 "On your mark, get
- _, go!"
- 41 Non-woody
- vegetation
- 45 " ___ dead, Jim."
- 46 Evening get-together
- 48 Showing more age, in a wav
- 49 "Desire Under the Elms" playwright O'Neill

- 29 Eyed tuber 57 Airport shuttles 31 Balance sheet listing
 - 59 Begin blooming
 - 61 About 907 kilos
 - 62 Physics unit

Friday's Solution

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Today in History

1801 D.C. is placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

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Internet Bends Another Celebrity to Its Will

Taylor Swift asked a fan, Kevin McGuire, to be her date at the Academy of Country Music awards. McGuire is 18 and has leukemia. His sister had started a campaign on Facebook to get Swift to go with him to his prom. Swift writes in a Facebook post of her own that she can't make it to the prom, but that she'd like for McGuire to accompany her to the awards ceremony on April 1. (AP)

UNSEXY GOODS

Tyra Banks Rushes to Endorse Pipes, Ducting

Kathy Ireland, who's worth \$350 million and runs the multi-billion-dollar Kathy Ireland Worldwide, is the world's richest supermodel, according to a new Forbes profile. The former Sports Illustrated swimsuit model's licensing business rakes in more than Martha Stewart's. Her name appears on ceiling fans, flooring, mattresses, furniture, windows and rugs — but no swimsuits. (EXPRESS)



REVELATIONS

Couples Who Base Their Relationships on Matching **Halloween Costumes Should Now Despair**

Seal says talking openly about his pending divorce from Heidi Klum is lian radio show, "when you publicize your marriage as much as our marwedding vows, when you do all those pire to." (EXPRESS)

important because, he told an Austrariage was publicized, when you renew things ... you're giving people a picture of an ideal relationship that people as-

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Celebrity Does a Nice Thing of His Own Free Will



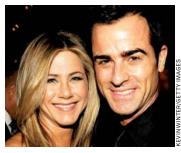
Bruce Springsteen has provided a helping hand for the family of one of his former trainers, the late Tony Strollo. The Boss gave a

six-song impromptu performance Saturday night at an Asbury Park, N.J., nightclub, surprising the crowd of more than 200 people. (AP)

INAPPROPRIATE

Couple Likens Choosing A Pet to Choosing Which Of One's Children Will Die

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux have adopted a puppy and named it Sophie, Aniston told Jay Leno on Friday: "We were [at the shelter] for three hours, and I'm telling you, I was almost walking out with three puppies. That's why we named her Sophie, because it was 'Sophie's Choice.' I was crying — it was so hard." (EXPRESS)



"What WAS Sophie choosing, Justin?" "A husband? Maybe a cute outfit?"

Winners



Ex-Real Housewife Validated as Real Celebrity, Blargh

Bethenny Frankel is getting her own talk show this summer, with Ellen DeGeneres producing, Frankel said Friday on DeGeneres' show. "You are going to be great because I think you talk about a lot of stuff that a lot of women can relate to." DeGeneres told Frankel. (EXPRESS)





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